

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No: Q64671

Group Art Unit: 3724

Examiner: Jason Prone

In re application of

Shigeru TANAKA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/909,988

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ESTIMATING A LIFE-SPAN OF A CUTTER

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

For:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one (1) month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of July 11, 2002 to November 12, 2002 (November 11, 2002 being a holiday).

A check for the statutory fee of \$110.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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